



Town of Paxton
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 7, 2018

Annual Town Meeting
May 7, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 143 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED. THE MODERATOR STATED THAT THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY POSTED.

Counters for the Annual Town Meeting were Kathryn Kingsbury, Jeremy Richard and Ann Marie Stoica.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Annual Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Moderator or seven or more voters in attendance.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommended approval for all articles moved unless noted under the article motion.

Article 1 – Water Department Receipts To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts, water fees, or water charges, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise, as follows:

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| Compensation | \$160,309 |
| Expenses | \$768,382 |
| Debt | <u>\$111,076</u> |
| Total | \$1,039,767 |

and that \$1,039,767 is raised as follows:

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| Department receipts | \$1,039,767 |
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Or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

John Malone, Chairman of the Water Board, moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department Receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton

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| Compensation | \$160,309 |
| Expenses | \$768,382 |
| Debt | <u>\$111,076</u> |
| Total | \$1,039,767 |

and that \$1,039,767 be raised through Departmental receipts.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

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Article 2 – OPEB Account To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0.00 or any other sum to fund the OPEB Account (Other Post-Employment Benefits); or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 2 was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, as follows that the town take no action on article 2. The motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
Finance Committee recommended the town take no action

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.

Article 3 – Stabilization Fund To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 3 was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, as follows that the Town take no action. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton

The Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Article 4 – Capital Depreciation To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$0.00 or any other sum to fund the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 4 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the town take no action. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

The Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION PASSES.

Article 5 – Chapter 90 To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen and D.P.W. Superintendent.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

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Article 5 was moved by Julia Pingitore that the Town vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED.

Article 6 – Revolving Accounts To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 §53E½ as most recently amended, to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2019 for all revolving funds as accepted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting and included in the Town of Paxton’s General Bylaws, as set forth below:

Council on Aging \$25,000
Recreation \$100,000
Library \$20,000
Paxton Days \$5,000

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 6 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as most recently amended to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2019, for all revolving accounts as accepted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting and included in the town of Paxton’s General By-Laws, in the following amounts:

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| Council on Aging: | \$25,000 |
| Recreation: | \$100,000 |
| Library: | \$20,000 |
| Paxton Days: | \$5,000 |

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 7 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 7 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.
The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 8 – Use funds from the Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads; or act in any way thereon.

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Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 8 was moved by Julia Pingitore that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$105,062 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 9 – Conservation Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw, specifically Section IX Enforcement and Section XI Appeals, based upon comments made by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General in a letter dated August 28, 2017, as set forth in a document entitled “Proposed Town of Paxton Wetlands Protection Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Conservation Commission.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 9 was moved by Michael Voorhis of the Conservation Commission as follows that the Town vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw, specifically Section IX, Enforcement, and Section XI, Appeals, based on comments made by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General in a letter dated August 28, 2017, as set for in a document entitled “Proposed Town of Paxton Wetlands Protection Bylaw,” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 10 – Holden Road Easements To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, certain permanent and temporary easements for the purposes of pavement reclamation, roadway widening, sidewalk installation, installation of new signage and pavement markings, replacing existing curb ramps with new ADA compliant curb ramps, relocation of utility poles and related appurtenances for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled “Holden Road” prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc. on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for public inspection during regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 10 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, certain permanent and temporary easements for the purposes of pavement reclamation, roadway widening, sidewalk installation, installation of new signage and pavement markings, replacing existing curb ramps with new ADA compliant curb ramps, relocation of utility poles and related appurtenances for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled “Holden Road” prepared by CHA consulting, Inc. on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours. The motion was seconded by John Malone

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE
THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.**

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Article 11 – Holden Road Easement Funding To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the costs associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 11 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from available funds, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the cost associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Motion was made to amend the wording to read to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Chapter 90 funds. The motion was seconded and the moderator declared that the motion to amend passed.

Amended motion moved as follows that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Chapter 90 funds, for the cost associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 12 – Backhoe To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$149,300 or any other sum, to purchase a new 2018 Backhoe Loader for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 2002 John Deere 410; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 12 was moved by Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as follows that the town borrow the sum of \$140,390, to purchase a new 2018 Backhoe Loader for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 2002 John Deere 410; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C(k), of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

Article 13 - Ladder #1 Refurbish To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$110,000 or any other sum, to refurbish the Fire Department's 2003 KME Aerial Platform Ladder #1 Truck: provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a

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Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 13 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town take no action.

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.
The Capital Improvement Committee recommended to take no action.

MODERATOR: NO VOTE NEEDED TO BE DECLARED AS NO ACTION WAS
TAKEN.

Article 14 – COA Van replacement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$22,000, or any other sum, to purchase one 2018 Toyota Sienna LE Passenger Van for the Council on Aging and trade-in the 2011 Dodge Caravan; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the Massachusetts General Laws, with the balance of the cost of the van to be funded from the Council on Aging-Revolving 53E ½ fund and trade in value of the old van; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 14 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000, to purchase one 2018 Toyota Sienna LE Passenger Van for the council on Aging and trade-in the 2011 Dodge Caravan; PROVIDED, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½) of the Massachusetts General Laws, with the balance of the cost of the van to be funded from the council on Aging Revolving 53E ½ fund and trade in value of the old van. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 15 – WRSD Athletic Field Turf Replacement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$60,120 or any other sum, to replace the Athletic Field Turf at Wachusett Regional High School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends disapproval.

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Article 15 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,120 to replace the Athletic Field Turf at Wachusett Regional High School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

The Moderator, Roger Brunelle, was unable to declare a voice vote and called for a Hand Count Vote. Hand count was taken: Yes: 56: No: 63

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION IS DEFEATED.

Article 16 – Pickup Truck for Water Dept. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a five year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new 2018 Utility Style Pickup Truck for the Water Department in the amount of \$49,914, with a first year lease payment of \$11,169, to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Funds; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Department
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 16 was moved by Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent, as follows that the Town authorize the Select Board in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a five-year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new 2018 Utility Style Truck for the Water Department in the amount of \$49,914, with a first year lease payment of \$11,169, to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Funds. The motion was seconded by John Malone

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS IS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 17 – ECC Parking Lot To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 or any other sum, from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Wachusett Regional School Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 17 was moved by Ben Mitchell, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Motion made to amend the wording of the main motion by striking out the words raise and appropriate. The motion was seconded. The Moderator declared that the motion to amend is passed.

Amended motion was moved as follows that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center

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School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office. The motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 18 – Local Meal Tax To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby imposing a local meals excise; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 18 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, and impose a local meals excise. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 19 - Town Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,133,495 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$332,790 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$0.00 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$224,094 or any other sum, and to raise and appropriate an additional \$100,000 for a total appropriation of \$6,798,077 or any other sum, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; provided that this additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 1/2 override question in accordance to Chapter 59, Section 21 C (g), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 19 was moved by Richard Fenton, chairman of the Finance Committee, as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,133,495, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$313,300, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate, from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$0, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$224,094, and to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$100,000, for a total of \$6,778,587 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, PROVIDED that the additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with Chapter 59, section 21 C (g) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

The Moderator than stated that we would move each category under the General Town Budget

Categories under Article 19:

General Government:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,937,958 for the General Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant provided that the additional

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appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the Voters of a Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with Chapter 59, Section 21C(g) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Safety

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,121,304 for the Public Safety Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant provided; however, that the amount allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget attached to the Warrant provided; however, that the amount allocated for account number 100-1232-5103, Emergency Medical Services shall be reduced to \$509,407. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Service

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$849,529 for the Public Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Sanitation and Environment

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$281,185 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT HAS PASSED.

Human Services

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$69,900 for the Human Services Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Culture and Recreation

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$211,560 for the Culture and Recreation Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MOTION HAS PASSED.

Central Purchasing

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$182,290 for the Central Purchasing budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED.

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Debt Service

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,124,861 for the Debt Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Motion to confirm the entire budget for all categories, excluding schools.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,778,587 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant, subject, however, to any amendments to the said budget summary, which have been approved in this Meeting. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED.

Article 20 – Wachusett Regional School District Budget

Ben Mitchell, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,013,461 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$300,000 required to fully fund the \$6,313,461 assessment from the District, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year, provided that this additional appropriation of \$300,000 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 21- Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget

Article 21 was moved by Robert Wilby, a member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational High School Committee as follows that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$208,639 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 22 – Out of District Student Expenses

Article 22 was moved by Peter Bogren, Jr, a member of the Select Board as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,286 to pay the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocation Tuition Assessment and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,670 for the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Transportation. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Motion made and seconded to Dissolve the Meeting at 9:05p.m.

MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MEETING IS DISSOLVED.

Moderator: Roger Brunelle
Respectfully Submitted:
Susan Stone, Town Clerk